6: Sauer--131 G-5 (1785-94) 1802 Yakut
116, 517, 533, 535

"They have no amusements beyond feasting, eating, and drinking. Sometimes, indeed, the women dance, which, however, is only forming a ring, and walking round with the sun's course. Their songs are inharmonious, and almost all extempore on any object that strikes the imagination."

17: Erman--300
116, 178, 517, 296, 294

N-3 (1828-29) 1850 Yakut

"Although the Yakuts are considerably inferior in civilization to the Buddhistic Buraets, yet they possess, in many respects, extraordinary cleverness and knowledge. They have the appearance, rather, of a people who have grown wild, than of a thoroughly and originally rude race. Their skilful management of the deer-skin, and their expertness in ornamental sewing, are conspicuous in every article of their clothing, and in many details of Yakutian house-keeping, to be mentioned hereafter. They seem, in many cases, to have in view, not merely the satisfaction of their wants, but decoration, also, and pleasing appearance. Yet, while pronouncing this opinion, it is necessary that we should look fairly at the kind of life led by these herdsmen; and, having done so, we cannot feel surprised that every thing belonging to them smells of cow-dung, and that their clothes, which are never washed, very soon take the look and colour of the substance with which they are in perpetual contact."

36: Niemojowski-- 106-107 T-2 (no date) 1883 Yakut
116, 538, 517

" Their greatest pleasure, especially during the long winter [107]nights,, consists in large gatherings in their yourts to listen to long stories related by those among them who are distinguished by their talent in that line "